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GOVERNOR NAMES NEW VETERANS AGENCY CHIEF
Interim Director Maxon Appointed to Permanent Post

PHOENIX – Governor Janet Napolitano today appointed General Richard G. Maxon to serve as the permanent director of the Arizona Department of Veterans’ Services (ADVS), where he has served as interim director since March.

“General Maxon is attuned to the needs of Arizona’s veterans and knows that they deserve the very best,” Governor Napolitano said. “General Maxon’s leadership of the Department of Veterans’ Services over the past four months has been exemplary. He is the perfect person to guide the agency in continuing to provide great services to Arizona’s veterans.”

Maxon retired earlier this week from the Arizona National Guard, where he served as the Guard’s Assistant Adjutant General. Maxon has had a long and distinguished military career. He enlisted in the Army in 1972; served as a Judge Advocate with the U.S. Naval Reserve; and had been with the Arizona National Guard since 1984. Maxon holds a Masters in Business Administration and a law degree from Arizona State University.

The Arizona Department of Veterans’ Services provides assistance – through a variety of programs – to many of the 600,000 veterans who live in Arizona. ADVS also operates the Arizona State Veterans Home in Phoenix. A second state veterans’ home is planned for Tucson.

Maxon’s appointment must be confirmed by the Arizona State Senate when the Legislature reconvenes. The Governor named him interim ADVS director upon the resignation of Patrick Chorpenning in March.

A copy of Maxon’s biography is attached.

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